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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [3

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [9

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [31

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THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
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E. W. MITCHELL,
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [214

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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [27

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897. [74

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [28

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
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HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1896 [30

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED the duties of SECRETARY of the COMPANY.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1897 [308

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1897-98.

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Hongkong Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, 15th February 1897 [309

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THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 07th July, 1895. [24

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	*Kaisar-i-Hind*	C. L. Daniel	About 21st Feb.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Ravenna*	C. T. Denny, R.N.R.	Noon, 25th Feb.	See Special Advertisement
JAPAN	*Verona*	C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 26th Feb.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 6th March.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Java*	J. Chellew, R.N.R.	About 18th Mar.	Freight or Passage.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [5

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [22

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [16

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MANAGEMENT.
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For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,
per C. CAMPBELL.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [116

W. POWELL & CO.
FOR
RACING COLOURS,
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Hongkong, 6th February, 1897. [19

W. BREWER & CO.
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BOOTS AND SHOES,
OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY
FOR
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN
ALSO FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [18

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In cases of 2 doz. pints.....$35 per case.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [26

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and the secret of success "Is constancy of purpose." However things may seem, "No evil things succeed" and "No good thing" is a failure.

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ALBERT—THE VIRETS—WILLIE
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GRAND BALLOON ASCENT.

SATURDAY, February 20th.

PARTICULARS later.

BERT WILLISON.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [319

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

TERMS begin MONDAY, the 22nd. Every Boy must be in his place with SCHOOL FEE and complete SET of BOOKS at 9 A.M.

Boys seeking ADMISSION must present themselves accompanied by PARENTS or GUARDIANS in the HALL on SATURDAY, the 20th, at 9 A.M.

Boys who left School last year, or were absent on the last term, must seek RE-ADMISSION on FRIDAY, the 19th, at 9 A.M.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D.,
Head Master.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [320

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [321

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEILIN,"

Captain Harris, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 2 P.M.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1897 [322

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427

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SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

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WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. 76

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1897.

OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

On Christmas Day it afforded us infinite pleasure to be able to announce that an Agreement was signed at Peking on the 22nd December providing for the opening of the West River, and in a subsequent issue (two days later) we stated that shortly after the exchange of ratifications it would come into force.

It is to be assumed that the original draft of the Agreement, as signed in Peking by Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD and the President of the Tsungli Yamen, was forwarded from Peking to London for acceptation by the British Government on or about the 25th December and that it reached the British Foreign Office a few days ago, was approved, duly signed, and a special messenger promptly despatched by Lord SALISBURY with the document for delivery to Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD in Peking. We trust and believe that this is the correct explanation of what has taken place since the first announcement respecting the signing of such an Agreement at Peking, and if so it will account for the *Daily Press* being in a position to announce this morning that—"The agreement for the opening of the West River has at last been signed and is to come into effect on the 1st June. Wuchowfu and another town, probably Shuihing, are to be opened to foreign trade and there are in addition to be four ports of call."

When we first made a similar announcement it was pooh-poohed, but, although subsequent careful investigation revealed the fact that we were incorrectly informed respecting the collection of Lekin by the Customs authorities in the two Kwang provinces, yet we stuck to the point that an Agreement had been signed providing for the opening of this great waterway, and we are now glad to find our morning contemporary practically endorses our statements.

Again we congratulate the Chamber of Commerce and Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD on the success which has attended their persistent efforts in this direction. It should encourage them to strive continuously for other and equally important concessions having for their object the development of trade with the vast neighbouring Empire, to the benefit of all foreigners and natives alike. What the Chinese Government cannot or will not grasp, we, as its best friend, should insist on, so long as such action does not entail any territorial aggrandizement other than the rounding-off of our boundaries in a manner which the peculiar condition of international affairs indicates as absolutely necessary for our own security, the protection of our interests in these regions, and the maintenance of our power and prestige among Oriental people.

REUTER'S MESSAGE

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, February 1.

Three steamers with Greek troops onboard have sailed for Crete. The Crown Prince reviewed the troops previous to their departure.

The Greek reserves have been called out.

Prince Nicholas of Greece, with a regiment of artillery, has gone to Thessaly.

GREECE DEFIANT.

The Greek Government, replying to the Powers, accepts the full responsibility for its action.

TURKEY ON THE WAR-PATH.

One hundred thousand Turkish reinforcements proceed to Macedonia.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT POWERS.

The Powers are discussing a proposal of Russia for a mixed European occupation of Cretan towns.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

To the courtesy of Señor J. de Navarro, Spanish Consul, we are indebted for a copy of the following despatch dated Manila, February 16th:—

The General-in-Chief communicates the following simultaneous attacks: The squadron signed to disembark in Naig with maritime guilla of volunteers from the Spanish Casino; accor was also bombarded from batteries of Alahicon, and a feigned attack was made on Bvaleta. General Lachambre arrived at St. Deingo with columns from Binang and Calami, advancing towards Silang. General Jamillo took Fort Tranquero at the bayonet's point near Buyuyum, and found 8 dead bodies. Ourosses in the attack were 2 killed and 5 wounded Colonel Barraquer, after hard fighting, took Pamplona on the river Zapote. The place was entrenched and armed with small guns and defended by 2,000 rebels. In the pursuit the troops killed hundreds of insurgents; and our lisses were 1 officer and 18 soldiers dead, 2 officers and 43 wounded. At the last moment General aramillo took the Fort of Bigay, where he found several small guns and plenty of arms. The rebels left 35 dead and our losses were 7 killed, 2 officers and 18 soldiers wounded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Æolus* leaves for home on Saturday.

CHAU CHUNG, a gharry driver, was charged at the Magistracy to-day with stealing a jacket, a cape girdle, a pair of spectacles and two handkerchiefs, in all valued at $20. Being his first offence he was imprisoned for 2 months with hard labour.

ACCORDING to a recent issue of the *Japan Herald*, 'negotiations are' alleged to be on foot between Mr. Lowder and Mr. Seidmore for the payment of a sum of money by way of compensation for Miss Jacob's injuries in person and in character; $5,000 is the sum stated to have been offered, but refused as inadequate.

By kind permission [illegible] band of the Russian flagship *Rurik* will play the following programme at the races to-morrow under Bandmaster Loguinoff:—

March	King Yvetot	Adams
Romance	Si j'avais su	Koslow
Selections	Rouslan and Soudmila	Glinka
Waltz	Eugene Onegine	Tchaikovsky
Selections	Faust	Gounod
Waltz	Loin du Lac	Tillet
Selection	Les Cloches de Corneville	Planquette
Intermezzo	Cavaleria Rusticana	Mascagni
March		

THE local Customs, says our Canton correspondent, commenced postal operations on the 1st inst., and all Chinese letters must now be sent through their office duly stamped. No doubt it will prove a source of large revenue and turn out a grand success as, of course, everything does under their administration. Hongkong possesses such a wonderful postal system of its own that probably it will feel inclined to smile sceptically at all other attempts in the same line; but, no doubt, when once in working order the new system will run along as smooth and safe as the old. Let us hope so!

WE note in a copy of the *Japan Mail* received to-day that the *Nichi Nichi* indites a sweeping criticism of the Japanese Government's Formosan policy—condemning it from every conceivable standpoint, as regards communications, finance, police, or sanitation. It specially charges Viscount Takashima, the Minister of Colonization, and also Count Kabayama, with having failed to achieve anything worthy of mention, and further lays at the door of the Home Minister the blame of indiscriminately appointing officials in Formosa. Count Matsukata's Formosan finance is denounced as mere temporizing measures, and his Excellency is urged to evolve some scheme for making Formosa self-supporting.—It is a mistake to try to run before you can walk, and the attempt to make Formosa "pay" before the new system of Government had taken root seems to have had the only sequence possible under the circumstances—failure, discontent, and continual attacks from members of the Opposition.

THE Bangalore correspondent of the *Bombay Gazette*, writing under date 31st January, complains that a certain amount of disrespect has been shown in connection with the funeral of the late Major Poynder. He says:—Major Poynder, I regret to state, notwithstanding the improvement noticed in his condition, died to-day, aged 40 years, leaving a wife and three children. He was brother of Surgeon-Major Poynder, and son of the Rev. Poynder, of Southsea. Originally, he belonged to the 33rd Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, and then joined the 25th Madras Infantry and succeeded Captain Bethune, of the Carbineers, as Garrison Instructor, or, as the appointment was called, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General for Instruction. The deceased was in the Burmese Campaign of 1887-89, and received a medal and two clasps. *It is a most melancholy matter to complain of that there was no band*, although the Hussars' band was in the station, nor was the coffin provided with a gun-carriage, though the troops are out at the camp of instruction fourteen miles off from Bangalore, there is telegraphic communication, but it was not resorted to.

FOR being in possession of 1½ and 2 taels of illicit opium respectively, Leung Yan and Chan Hong were fined $50 each with the alternative of 2 months' confinement.

THE excitement over the Chinese New Year festivities is yet unabated as many Chinamen continue to be hailed before Capt. Hastings charged with breaches of the "Cracker Ordinance." To-day no less than a score of noise-loving Celestials were fined from $10 to $15 each.

WE understand that the Volunteers have received a challenge from the West Yorkshires to a shooting match. The teams are to fire ten shots at each range, changing weapons after each five rounds, the Volunteers taking the Magazine rifles of the West Yorks and the soldiers receiving in exchange the Martini carbines of their opponents. The Volunteer team has not as yet been picked, and, with the exception of the Kowloon Detachment, they have had little target practice this season.

FROM the *Japan Weekly Mail* we gather that the Japanese postal service is hardly all that is to be desired. One instance is quoted in which a letter took no less than five days to travel to a place only one mile distant and situated in the city in which it was posted, while some newspapers posted in Yokohama on January 9th only reached Kobe on January 25th. The *Mail* goes on to say that the post office employees are greatly overworked and underpaid, and until shorter hours and higher pay are granted there can be but little hope of improvement.

THE latest method adopted by the Chinese beggar for obtaining money takes after the Western style to a great extent. The operator selects a likely looking group of Europeans and politely enquires if any of them are engineers. Should the answer be in the affirmative he states that he is a fireman out of a berth and asks a little help to tide him over his difficulties. If none of them are engineers, however, he expresses his regret at none being present, but is sure that English gentlemen would never allow a distressed seaman to starve. Even if this appeal proves futile he is not discouraged, but immediately becomes a persecuted Christian, readily embracing any denomination suggested. Such man should certainly make a first-rate diplomatist.

WRITING from Canton on the 9th instant, our correspondent says:—I hear that the Lekin duties have been considerably increased since the commencement of the new year. Will they affect the trade in foreign bottoms at all? Poor China! I suppose she wants to pay off her debts, and like most who "go a-borrowing" is likely to "go a-sorrowing," and find it no easy job. How changed from the "good old times," when 'tis said they even hesitated to raise a public loan in order to build a bridge, because, said they, "Why should our descendants be saddled with a payment for that which is our present necessity? [illegible] and bridge may not be required or it may have been destroyed. What an injustice to impose upon them, the cost of building it now!" Somewhat childish, but perhaps, after all, they were not far wrong!

DURING the hearing of the action, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank *v.* Phra Pakdee, at Bangkok on the 29th ultimo, the President of the court said he took exception to an article appearing in the *Siam Observer* on the 27th ult. The Bench, says the *Bangkok Times*, thought the article contained serious reflections on the Judges before whom it was tried, and tended to bring the Court into contempt. It was manifestly unfair to comment on a case which was still *sub judice*, and the article was doubly offensive in view of its appearance in a newspaper owned by Mr. Tilleke, who was himself a party of the case. The newspaper had adopted a most improper course, and the Court had no alternative but to ask the proprietor to retract the statements and apologise for the contempt committed. Mr. Tilleke said he had no connection with articles in the paper, the Editor being responsible. In this instance, however, he was willing to accept the responsibility, since the article was inspired by him. He was willing to apologise if he had done wrong. But if he had been found to have done no wrong he would not apologise to anybody. The Bench insisted upon an apology, and Mr. Tilleke said he was perfectly willing to agree to an apology provided he was found after consideration of the matter to have committed an offence. The matter then dropped.

IN the Mercantile Marine Bureau at Tokio, on the 4th instant, the Court of Enquiry delivered its finding in the matter of the stranding of the N. Y. K. steamer *Himeji Maru*, on the Bombay Reef, Paracels Islands, on November 1st. The Court found that, as the N.E. monsoon was blowing on the ship's port side at the time, Capt. Tipple should have made a proper allowance for the drift caused by the wind and sea. Misjudging the ship's position at 4 a.m. on the 1st November to fifty miles east of the Bombay Reef, he altered the course for Singapore, and the stranding was the result. This accident was to be attributed to the Master in that he did not make any allowance for the drift caused by wind and sea, and consequently he misjudged his position. The chief officer, Thomas Law Harrison, was on watch, and he altered the course by compass, according to the master's instructions. When he sighted the breakers on the port bow, he immediately put the helm hard-a-port and worked the engines to full speed astern. This was of no avail and the ship stranded. The chief officer was held to be free from blame in the manner in which he executed his duties. The Court declared suspension for four months of the Master's certificate of first grade held by Capt. Tipple. The Captain informed the press that after the finding was read he asked leave to produce the China Sea Directory Supplement, corrected to 1893, in which the eastern track (90° E. of Bombay Shoal) is given as the track for steamers and he was told that the case was closed and nothing further could be accepted.

IT is computed by the Customs Postal authorities, or, as we are now being taught to grandiloquently term it, the Imperial Chinese Postal Office, that the new department will sell over a million dollars worth of stamps in a year, almost all of which will be profit. The stamps cost little or nothing to make, and one speculative stamp collector has already applied for $10,000 worth.—*China Gazette.*

AN apology is due, and is very willingly tendered to, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead in respect of our brief report of the Polo match played last Monday. It was stated that Mr. Whitehead's team was defeated, whereas the very reverse was the result, the team captained by Mr. Whitehead defeating the Royal Artillery and West Yorks by three goals to two. We are glad to avail ourselves of this opportunity to make this correction.

WE are informed that there has been some small-pox at Canton lately, and the Customs have lost a valuable servant in the person of Mr. W. E. G. Sorensen, who succumbed to the disease on the 6th inst. Mr. Sorensen during his stay in Canton had earned the esteem of all who came in contact with him and he will be much missed by his friends and brother officers. The funeral took place on the same day and was largely attended by members of all branches of the service.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

Stewards:—H.E. Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Alex. Buller, K.C.B.; H.E. Major-Gen. Wilsone Black, C.B.; Com. S. C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C.; Lt.-Colonel The O'Gorman, C.S.O.; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; The Hon. C. P. Chater; A. Coxon, Esq.; D. Gillies, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq; C. F. Harton, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; the Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Clerk of Scales:—C. F. Harton, Esq.
Judge:—The Hon. C. P. Chater.
Starter:—M. Gröte, Esq.
Second Starter:—C. H. Ross, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer:—A. Coutts, Esq.
Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

FIRST DAY,—WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY.

Hongkong's annual equestrian carnival has once more come round, and the first day, which has been awaited with eager expectancy by so many people, is as the things that have been. Fine weather is of course an essential adjunct to an enjoyable meeting, and dire forebodings filled many breasts this morning when Jupiter Pluvius was somewhat in evidence, and heavy lead-coloured masses of cloud hung overhead. The old gentleman with the watering pot, however, relented, and by noon the weather had become "set gloomy." It may be that the said J. P. himself has a liking for a bit of sport—who knows? Anyhow the little rain improved the course somewhat, as the "going" would otherwise have been uncomfortably hard.

It was a *dies non* in the city, all Banks, Government Offices, and most of the business places being closed from a little after 11 a.m. and during the afternoon the erstwhile busy part of Queen's Road was practically deserted. From 11 o'clock till shortly after noon the visitors streamed out to Happy Valley, and the rickshaw coolies appropriately opened the *fête* of "the guardians of the door" by reaping a silver harvest. From an early hour this morning great truck loads of creature comforts were being hauled along the road to stock the bars on the course, and there, since daybreak, scores of deft-handed "boys" were hard at work fixing things up. It is again to be said that our hotel-keepers fairly spread themselves for the occasion and the tiffin, and other incidentals were served up in first-class style. As usual all the many races of mankind to be found on this "dot in the Eastern Seas" were represented on the course, and the swarthy Chinese, in their national costume, the turbaned Indians, European exquisites, British soldiers and bluejackets, red-coated marines, and tars of the Russian, German and American Navies, together with a vast multitude of what may be called "Non-descripts" made a *bizarre* picture that was alike entertaining and instructive. All evinced more or less interest in the sport that has well been described as belonging to kings, and few kings felt happier than did some of the spectators whom we saw. The appearance of the booths and other structures this year is quite bright and pretty, neither pains nor paint having been spared and the Grand Stand and enclosure were in beautiful order. Deputy Superintendent Corcoran with Inspector Mackie had control of the ground and their tact in managing the crowd left nothing to be desired, but we should say, too, that their duties were of the lightest for the most part for the crowd was very orderly. His Excellency the Governor, H. E. Admiral Buller, Commodore Holland, and most of the British and foreign naval officers arrived on the course about noon, and it goes without saying that every military officer that could did attend, for where is one of the cloth who would miss a horse race? The fine music of the West Yorks band, under the baton of Bandmaster Bentley, lent considerable added pleasure to the gathering. Their programme for the day was as follows:—

March	Marzantial	Kreid
Overture	Bohemian Girl	Balfe
Piccolo Solo	The Wren	Demare
Fantasia	Español	Bentley
Song	Queen of the Garden	Sullivan
Valse	Sobre las Olas	Rosas
Selection	Les Cloches de Corneville	Planquette
Polka	Sea Breeze	Wheeler
Reminiscences of Scotland		F. Godfrey
Galop	The Jockey	Faust

It should be mentioned that the usual traffic regulations were enforced by the police, and this made the different modes of approach comfortable for all, whether travelling by horsed vehicles, chairs or rickshaw.

A little after noon the historic Wongneichong Stakes opened the ball, which thenceforward was kept going in spirited manner. The win of Mr. John Peel's Redfish, well ridden by Master, in the Derby upset the calculations of some who have spent sleepless hours in poring over the subject, and whose sole topic of talk lately has been the chances of White Rose, Aspirant Crabapple, Red Fish, Silver Bell, and other equine notables of the hour. For a long time past people have been running the risk of getting bronchial affections in the bleak morning air at Happy Valley in order to get the "times" of the various performers, but some with a more liberal supply of wisdom confided in our friend "Early Bird," and they were not disappointed. The Derby, it may be added, was quite an upset, Bloefire and Pele's pieces being a great surprise. The visitors from the north are numerous as ever this year, and many pleasant little reunions of local sportsmen and Shanghai and Foochow friends took place, when races of the past were ridden over again, and compared with those of the present. What Derby Day is to England and "The Cup" is to Melbourne, to-day's "big race" is to us and the spirit in which the Far Eastern sporting men carry out things shows that this good old English pastime is not going to suffer at their hands. Of course our racing is not doing much to "improve the breed of horses" as some folk put it, but, *mashee*, there's the sport and what more need we ask? Before closing these introductory remarks we would like to congratulate the Stewards and Officers on the way in which they carried out their duties to-day, and to Mr. T. F. Hough (Clerk of the Course), who has been "the busiest man in Hongkong" for some time past, the warmest compliments are due for the excellence of the racing arrangements and the all-round efficient manner in which he discharged his onerous duties.

The results of the races are as follow:—

The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; a sweepstakes of $5 each with $100 added; second pony to receive $50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins on date of entry allowed 3 lbs; subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97, allowed 7lbs. Half a mile.

Mr. Dryasdust's shd. Provost Marshal, 11st 11lb.....Capt. Hunt 1
Mr. Boyd's b. Congo, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Boyd 2
Mr. John Peel's d. Boomerang, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Master 3
Mr. Buxey's w. White Lilac, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Reynell 0

Congo got away with a lead after one false start, but, coming down the hill before abreast of the village, he was collared by the favourite who led by two lengths into the Straight. Mr. Master, who got the worst of the start, made up leeway on Boomerang in grand style and, riding his mount for all he was worth, forged ahead after entering the Straight and challenged Congo. The latter, however, stalled him off and came in a length and a half behind Provost Marshal, Boomerang being a good third. Time, 1 min 0.1 secs.

The ASHLEY CUP; presented by D. R. Sassoon Esq.; for China ponies; entrance fees to go to the winner; second pony to receive $50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $5. One mile.

Messrs McKie & Gove's ch. Roitelet, 11st 11lb
Mr. Crawford 1
Mr. Arnold's d. Straightforward, 10st 0lb.....Mr. Gresson 2
Mr. John Peel's b. Tocsin, 11st 4lb Mr. Master 3
Mr. Boyd's g. Dunblane, 11st 11lb...Mr. Boyd 0
Mr. Buxey's ch. Comet, 11st 7lb...Mr. Reynell 0
Mr. Dryasdust's d. Shiney William, 11st 4lb...Capt. Hunt 0
Mr. Gustav's spd. Competitor, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Worthy's d. Bellringer, 11st 4lb.. Mr. Cox 0

After half-a-dozen false starts caused by the fractious, albeit much fancied, Competitor, and Comet, who bolted, the field was despatched on fairly even terms Shiney William rushed to the front after passing the stands and led until close to the hill. At this point Tocsin, ridden throughout with great judgment, made an effort, and, getting through the ruck by the time the Black Rock was reached, came up on the uncertain Shiney's flank. In the meantime Roitelet and Straightforward had come up with a rush, and, getting on even terms with Tocsin, raced neck and neck with him into the Straight, William having been disposed of near the village. A grand struggle down the Straight ended in a victory for Roitelet by half a length from Straightforward; Tocsin a good third. Time, 2 min. 09 secs.

The MAIDEN STAKES; value $400; second pony to receive $75; third $50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $10. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. John Peel's g. Silver Bell, 10st 9lb.....Mr. Master 1
Messrs. Mc Kie and Gove's shd. Glenmore, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Crawford 2
Mr. Buxey's blk. Black Rock, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Reynell 3
Mr. Bobjack's w. Sinful, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Jones 0
Mr. David's g. Foeman, 10st 12lb Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Gustav's ch. Red-fire, 11st 4lb Mr. Sampson 0
Mr. Jay's g. Sperber, 11st 11lb.....Mr. H. Buck 0
Mr. Twoman's blk. The Rogue, 11st 7lb.....Mr. Cox 0

At the first attempt a very good start was effected. Silver Bell soon forged ahead and, increasing his lead all the way, won in a common canter; Glenmore a fair second, and Black Rock, the favourite, an indifferent third. Time, 1 min. 34½ secs.

The VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of $5 each with $200 added; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; for subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97; weight for inches as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Medico's d. Hermes, 11st 4lb Mr. Reynell's 1
Messrs. G. Stewart and Loveband's d. Hasteaway, 11st 4lb.....Captain Loveband's 2
Mr. Stern's g. Dacapo, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Cox 3
Mr. Gustav's d. Chin-chin, 11st 4lb.....Mr. Simpson 0
Mr. John Peel's blk. Castor, 10st 12lb Mr. Master 0
The Neighbours' g. Landstorm, 11st 7lb.....Mr. Jones 0
Dr. Noble's g. Humbug, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Buck 0
Mr. Sam's ch. Sunflower, 10st 12lb.....Captain Penny 0 *

* Dead Heat.

To a fair start Landstorm made the running, but he had shot his bolt before half a mile had been negotiated, and made way for Hermes who led into the Straight. Hasteaway, who had been creeping up after passing the Black Rock, now came through and raced very gamely, shortening the space between himself and the leader at every stride and, thanks to the vigorous riding of Captain Loveband, managed to catch Hermes on the post, the result of the race being declared by the Judge a dead heat for first place; Dacapo, second favourite, third. Time, 1 min. 38½ sec.

The FOOCHOW CUP; value $250; presented by the Foochow community; second pony to receive $50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $5. Two miles.

Mr. Dryasdust's g. Sinbad, 10st 9lb.....Capt. Hunt 1
Mr. Bobjack's ch. Sinner, 11st 4lb Mr. Jones 2
Mr. John Peel's w. Torchlight, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Master 3
Mr. Stern's d. Bravo, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Cox 0

Sinbad made the running and won by a street. Sinner and Torchlight fought gamely for second place, but the dark chestnut left plenty of daylight between himself and Torchlight at the finish. Bravo was clean out of it. Time, 4 min. 41½ secs.

The HONGKONG DERBY; a sweepstakes of $10 each with $1,500 added (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry (Saturday, the 16th of January, 1897); first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

Mr. John Peel's b. Red Fish, 11st 11lb.....Mr. Master 1

Mr. Gustav's d. Blue-fire, 11st 2lb.....
Mr. Sampson 2
Mr. Tyle's br. Pole, 10st 12lb.....Mr. May 1
Mr. Bobjack's w. Sinful, 11st 1lb...Mr. Boyd 0
Mr. Bobjack's g. Saucy, 10st 9lb...Mr. Jones 0
Mr. Buxey's w. White Rose, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Reynell 0
Mr. David's g. Aspirant, 10st 12lb...Mr. Cox 0
Mr. Gustav's d. Red-fire, 11st 4lb...Mr Hunt 0
Mr. Johns Peel's g. Silver Bell, 10st 9lb.....
Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Gove's blk. Glenmore, 10st 9lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Newboy's g. Suavlker, 11st 4lb.....
Mr. H. Buck 0

It is hard to say which started favourite, for many, at least five, of the starters were up to the last minute considered "likely ones." Polo, however, may have carried a little more confidence than did White Rose, Aspirant, Blue-fire, Glendubh and Red Fish. After one false start, the field was sent away on fairly even terms, Saucy leading by about three lengths past the Grand Stand, with Aspirant, Glendubh and White Rose in close attendance. Going up the Back Stretch Mr. Master shook up Red Fish and Mr. Sampson, who evidently kept his eye on the "Blue and Silver," began to ride Blue-fire. Both these ponies were sent up the hill at a rattling pace, overtaking the leaders and running down the hill neck and neck. Passing the Village Mr. Master rushed his mount to the front and, pressing him until well in the Straight, obtained a good lead and won by several lengths. Blue-fire second, and Polo, who came with a rush in the Straight, a good third. Aspirant, contrary to general expectation, was completely out of the hunt. Saucy, who made the running, was last. Time, 3 min. 19 sec.

The LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting 7lbs. extra, subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97, allowed 7lbs; entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.
Mr. Boyd's g. Dunblane, 11st 1lb Mr. H. Buck 1
Mr. John Peel's ch. Heatherbell, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Master 2
Mr. Buxey's d. Surprise, 10st 12lbs Mr. Reynell 3
Mr. Arnold's d. Straightforward, 10st 9lbs.....
Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. David's b.g. Arthurlie, 10st 12lbs Mr. Cox 0
Mr. Gustav's spd. Competitor, Mr. Sampson 0

A good start. At the Rock the real racing commenced. Heatherbell was taken to the front and led into the Straight, where Dunblane showed his old-time pluck and fought him hard all the way home, winning by a short head; Surprise a good third. Competitor played his old games. He has never varied his style and appears to be an arrant "stinker," as was stated in our notes yesterday. The time, 2 min. 43½ secs., is pretty good.

The COMPRADORE'S CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97; weight for inches as per scale; winner of Valley Stakes 5lbs extra; entrance $5. One mile.
Messrs. McKie and Gove's g. Glentiffer, 11st 1lb
Mr. Crawford 1
Mr. Buxey's g. Sport, 11st 4lb.....Mr. Reynell 2
Messrs. G. Stewart and Loveband's d. Hasteaway, 11st 4lb.....Captain Lovebaud 3
Mr. David's d. Demterlle, 11st 1lb.....Mr. Cox 0
Mr. Dryasdust's g. Gauntlet, 10st 12lb.....
Captain Hunt 0
Mr. Medico's d. Hermes, 11st 4lb.....
Captain Penny 0
Mr. Tithong's br. Swindle, 10st 12lb Mr. Gedge 0
Mr. Wayfoong's br. Cumshaw, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Jones 0

An easy victory for Glentiffer, who disappointed many by not coming out for the Valley Stakes. The field were well together entering the Straight. Sport ran very gamely and, ridden hard by Mr. Reynell from the Black Rock, came in a fair second; Hasteaway a good third. Time, 2 min. 11 sec. It appeared to our sporting reporter that Hermes was led out slightly lame, and if so that may account for his not being placed.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $15. One mile and a half.
Mr. John Peel's ch. Pineapple, 10st 9lb.....
Mr. Master 1
Mr. Buxey's blk. Black Eagle, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Reynell 2
Mr. Twoman's g. Kilroy, 11st 1lb Mr. Cox ... 3
Mr. Boyd's d. 'Enery 'Awkins, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Boyd 0
Mr. Linsom's g. Slander, 10st 9lb Mr. Jones... 0

A capital race from start to finish. Pineapple, the favourite, easily stalling off all challenges, leading into the Straight and romping home just as he pleased; Kilroy a good third. Enery 'Awkins refused to try and Slander collapsed early in the contest. Time, 3 min. 1½ sec.

The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; a sweepstakes of $5 each with $100 added; for subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; previous winners excluded; weight for inches as per scale. Once round.
Mr. Buxey's rn. Hopeful, 10st 12lb Mr. Reynell 1
Mr. Stern's g. Dacapo, 10st 12lb.....Mr. Cox 2
Mr. Hart-Buck's d. Croxton, 10st 12lb.....
Mr. Hart Buck 3
Mr. John Peel's blk. Pollux, 10st 12lb.....
Mr. Master 0
Mr. Montrose's g. Monaliadh, 10st 12lb.....
Mr. Gresson 0
Mr. Quintet's g. Query, 11st 1lb.....Mr. Gedge 0
Mr. Sam's ch. Sunflower, 10st 12lb Capt. Penny 0
Messrs. G. Stewart & Loveband's d. Hasteaway, 10st 12lb Capt. Loveband 0
Mr. Tilbro's g. Wakeful Joe, 10st 9lb Mr. Jones 0
Mr. Walter's g. Little Owl, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Wayfoong's br. Cumshaw, 11st 1lb.....
Mr. Anderson 0

Pollux and Dacapo were strong favourites for this event, but the result showed that confidence was greatly misplaced, the "glorious uncertainty" of racing being strongly in evidence as soon as the field turned into the Straight, when Hopeful, hard ridden by Mr. Reynell, came to the front and, stalling off a challenge from Dacapo inside the distance, won pretty easily in 2 min. 59½ sec. Croxton a good third.

TIPS FOR TO-MORROW.

Scurry Stakes (¼ mile)—
Silver Bell 1
White Rose 2
Glenmore 3
Exchange Plate (1¾ mile)—
Pineapple 1
Sinner 2
Kilroy 3
Garrison Cup (1¼ mile)—
Red Fish 1
Black Eagle 2
Crabapple 3
German Cup (1¼ mile)—
Glentiffer 1
Hermes 2
Hasteaway 3
Professional Cup (¼ mile)—
Straightforward 1
Boomerang 2
Comet 3
Flyaway Stakes (¼ mile)—
Shiney Villian 1
Heatherbell 2
Competitor 3

Tai Yeuk Fong Cup (1¼ mile)—
Black Eagle 1
Crabapple 2
Glendubh 3
Navy Cup (1¼ mile)—
Pineapple 1
Dunblane 2
Raitelet 3
Gymkhana Stakes (¼ mile)—
Humbug 1
Gaunt 2
Wakeful Joe 3

EARLY BIRD.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1897.

THE PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme for to-morrow's races:—

SECOND DAY.—THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY.

The SCURRY STAKES; a sweepstakes of $10 each; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra. One mile.

The EXCHANGE PLATE; presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second pony to receive $50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; *bona fide* griffins on date of entry allowed 5lbs; winners at this meeting 5lbs. extra; entrance $10. One mile and three-quarters.

The GARRISON CUP; presented by the Officers of the Garrison; second pony to receive $50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners, 7lbs. extra; entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

The GERMAN CUP; presented by Members of the German Club; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for subscription griffins of this season, 1896-97; weight for inches as per scale; entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP; presented; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting 7lbs. extra; of two or more races, 10lbs. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12st; entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

The JOCKEY CUP; value $150; second pony to receive $50; for subscription ponies of any season, winners excluded; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $5. One mile.

The FLYAWAY STAKES; a sweepstakes of $5 each with $100 added; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; subscription ponies of any season, non-winners allowed 7lbs; subscription ponies of any season, winners, allowed 3lbs; previous winners at this meeting 7lbs. extra. Three quarters of a mile.

The TAI YEUK FONG CUP; value $200; presented by J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; second pony to receive $50; for China ponies *bona fide* griffins on date of entry; subscription griffins weight for inches as per scale, other griffins 7lbs. extra; previous winners 7lbs. extra; entrance $10. One mile and a half.

The NAVY CUP; presented by Officers of H. M. Fleet; second pony to receive half the entrance fees; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 5lbs. extra; of two races 7lbs. extra; and of three or more races 10lbs. extra; non-starters at this meeting excluded; entrance $10. One mile and a half.

The GYMKHANA STAKES; value $150; presented by the Gymkhana Committee, added to a sweepstakes of $5 each; for subscription ponies of any season; winners and previous non-starters excluded; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; third, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

THE EXPANSION OF THE JAPANESE NAVY.

According to the *Mainichi Shimbun*, the Naval Expansion programme of the last Cabinet has been modified by the present Ministry in so far as the first-class cruisers are concerned. The Ito Cabinet's idea was to have two first-class cruisers built in the first period and two in the second period, the ships to be of 7,500 tons displacement, and protected only slightly below the water line. It has now been determined to increase the number of these vessels to six and their size to 9,000 tons, and to have them protected below the water line as well as above. Such is the *Mainichi's* assertion. If these plans be carried out, the Japanese Navy will include six first-class cruisers of 9,000 tons each, four line-of-battle ships, of 14,000 tons each, approximately, besides the *Fuji* and the *Yashima*. There has been some talk lately of the number of armour-clads for the two periods being reduced from four to three, but we can find no confirmation of the report. The Cabinet's tendency is evidently in the other direction. The *Mainichi* ascribes the change in the number and design of the cruisers to the fact that affairs in the East do not look as tranquil as could be desired, especially in the direction of Korea and China, and that, consequently, the strength of the Navy, as contemplated by the Ito Cabinet, does not appear sufficient. The additional protection to be given to the cruisers is ascribed by our contemporary to the use of shells containing high explosives, which have now come into vogue, and are likely to be terribly destructive.

No official declaration having been published as to the details of the Naval Expansion Scheme, there has always been some uncertainty about it. Accepting the *Mainichi Shimbun's* assertion, as quoted above—though we must frankly say that we do not believe in *six* cruisers—the facts about Japan's Navy would be these: When the war was over, she possessed 43 serviceable vessels—torpedo boats, of which she had 26, not being included—their aggregative displacement being 78,774 tons. Out of that total 10, with an aggregate displacement of 15,055 tons, had been captured from China, namely, an armour-clad turret ship (the *Chen-yuen*, now the *Chin-yen*), of 7,335 tons, 2 steel cruisers, 6 steel gun-boats, and 1 wooden vessel. Prior to the capture of the *Chen-yuen* she had never owned a line-of-battle ship. Her fleet consisted of comparatively small vessels—4 cruisers of over four thousand tons each; 4 of over three thousand tons; 4 of over two thousand; 6 of over fifteen hundred, and the rest gun-boats, sloops, &c. Two first-class battle-ships were, however, in course of construction to her order: the *Fuji* (12,649 tons) and the *Yashima* (12,517 tons), which will soon arrive in the East. These two big ships were entirely independent of the expansion programme elaborated after the war: they had been ordered long before any prospect of hostilities presented itself. There were also on the stocks, two steel cruisers (2,700 tons and 2,800 tons, respectively), and a steel despatch vessel (1,800 tons). Thus, before the expansion scheme was formed, Japan's Navy may be reckoned as consisting of 48 ships, with an aggregate displacement of 121,240 tons, and 26 torpedo boats. The expansion programme, accepting the *Mainichi's* very doubtful correction, seems to stand as follows:—

	Tons.
4 line-of-battle ships of 14,140 tons each	56,560
6 first-class cruisers of 9,000 tons each	54,000
2 second class cruisers of 4,850 tons each	14,250
6 third-class cruisers of 3,000 tons each	18,000
2 torpedo gun-boats of 1,500 tons each	3,000
1 torpedo despatch-vessel	1,800

We have here 19 ships with an aggregate displacement of 145,860 tons. The programme further included 11 torpedo-destroyers and 89 torpedo boats. Hence, finally, it appears that the Japanese Navy, in 1906, will consist of 67 ships, having an aggregate displacement of 257,110 tons, 11 torpedo-catchers, and 115 torpedo boats. Classified according to the nature of the principal ships, the result is:—

6 first-class line-of-battle ships, ranging from 12,517 tons to 14,140 tons.
1 second-class battle-ship of 7,125 tons.
6 first-class armoured cruisers of 6,000 tons each.
7 second-class cruisers of over 4,000 tons each.
6 third-class cruisers of over 3,000 tons each.
28 fourth-class cruisers of over 1,500 tons each.

If, however, the *Mainichi* be wrong as to the number of first-class cruisers, then the Navy will consist of 65 ships with a total displacement of 239,100 tons, besides torpedo craft.

It is evident, at all events, that before nine years have passed, Japan will possess a very formidable Navy.—*Japan Mail.*

AMERICAN MAIL ITEMS.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

LONDON, January 10th.

Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British army, when he succeeded the old Duke of Cambridge in that position, was expected to make a clean sweep of antiquated regulations and use the reforming broom vigorously right through the service. He has not come up to expectations, however, and in some respects has proved more of a bureaucrat than his royal predecessor. The latest step taken by him is to issue a general order solemnly lecturing young officers who have lately shown a liking for a clean-shaven upper lip contrary to the Queen's regulations, which enjoin the wearing of moustaches. Why it should be a sin in an army officer to shave when it is a virtue officially insisted upon in the navy, nobody has ventured to explain. Some young officers cannot manage to grow a moustache anyhow, and the question is what can be done with them. One critic suggests that such unfortunates ought to be provided, at the country's expense, with some patent hair-restorer.

NEW YORK, January 7th.

Senator Calvin S. Brice, at the head of a syndicate of United States capitalists, has nearly concluded arrangements for the establishment of a monopoly and telegraph system in China.

Ex-United States Senator Wm. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, and Clarence Cary, a New York attorney, who are now in China as representatives of the syndicate, and Mr. Bash, a promoter, formerly living in Port Townsend, Washington, but for some time having been in China, say only one serious obstacle stands in the way of the success of the work. This obstacle is the opposition of the Russian Government, which has instructed its representatives at Peking to do their utmost to force the Chinese Government to defer the final signing of the contracts. The members of the syndicate, however, are confident that negotiations have already gone too far for the Russian opposition to seriously affect them.

LONDON, January 13th.

The *Standard's* Rome correspondent reports that the Pope's physicians recommend the greatest care in having an even temperature for his room and dieting on eggs and old wine. This correspondent says of the Pope's appearance that his bowed attitude when standing has been much increased lately.

January 16th.

The *Chronicle* says it is authorized to say that it has been determined to annex the Benin kingdom and to depose the King on account of the massacre of the British expedition. A dispatch from Bonny, on the Guinea coast, reports that an Englishman, believed to be Mr. Powis, one of the civilians with the British expedition to Benin, has been captured and taken to Benin. His fate is unknown.

BERLIN, January 15th.

The *Reichsanzeiger* officially announces that President Diaz of Mexico has been decorated by Emperor William with the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle. The Mexican Finance and Foreign Ministers, it is also announced, have been decorated by His Majesty with the Order of the Crown.

The *Lokal Anzeiger* publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg reporting a lamentable incident which has occurred in the Tsar's presence. The Tsar, it seems, beckoned to a gardener who was working in the park at Tsarskoeselo. A guard, seeing the man running toward the Tsar, shot him dead, supposing he was a would-be assassin. The Tsar was deeply affected by this occurrence.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 15th.

To-day a ukase was published which refers to the necessity of the resumption of the mintage. It being likely that the Council's discussion of the currency statement will be prolonged, and the Government being anxious to settle the doubts which have arisen as to the nominal cash values of gold coins, it orders the minting of imperials of a value of 15 instead of 10 roubles, and of half-imperials of a value of 7½ instead of 5 roubles, these coins, however, being of exactly the same weight and fineness as existing coins.

LONDON, January 15th.

Sir Travers Twiss, Q.C., D.C.L., F.R.S., is dead, at the age of 88 years.

The trial of the action for divorce brought by Douglas J. Neame against his wife, Lelia Olive Neame, naming Frank Ellison of New York as co-respondent was concluded to-day. Mrs. Neame obtained a divorce from her husband in New York over three years ago on statutory grounds, but he refused to recognize the decree in the American court, and sued for separation. The jury to-day found against the respondent, Mrs. Neame, and Frank Ellison, and also found that the petitioner, Mr. Neame, had not conducted himself improperly, and a decree *nisi* was rendered.

A dispatch to the *Pall Mall Gazette* from Brussels says the Princess de Chimay has had an unpleasant experience in Budapest. The police, it appears, were informed that the Princess was a spy of Russia, and consequently raided her apartments and seized a package of documents. The Princess attempted to take the paper from the officer's hands, threatening him with a revolver.

On opening the package it was found, instead of comprising Russian correspondence, to contain a series of letters from a crowned head, which the police propose to hand to the Budapest Consul of the sovereign concerned.

The Princess, it is further stated, threatens to take legal proceedings in order to recover the documents.

January 16th.

The Earl of Mayo, a Tory landlord, speaking at Kildare yesterday, offered to co-operate with the Irish Nationalists in obtaining financial justice for Ireland. He threw back in Arthur Balfour's teeth his assertion that Irishmen could not pull together on this question. They would be prepared, he said, when the taxation question was settled to suggest economical reforms in the government of their country. Overtaxation, he continued, had caused many revolutions. It was this which upset Charles I. He suggested a united party in Ireland, who would call themselves financialists.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer 30.141
Thermometer 57.3
Humidity 79
Rainfall 1.76 inches.

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.31	30.21
Thermometer	54	54
Humidity	90	75
Rainfall	0.01	

Wednesday, 17th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*16th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.* (Fête of Shen and Ta'al, the two guardians of the door. Auspicious day for praying for wealth and offspring.)
Jewish.—*15th Adar, 5657.*
Mohammedan.—*14th Ramadan, 1314.*

(Fast month.)
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 38min.*
Sets *5hr. 56min.*
Moon.—*Full Moon*.....*5hr. 48min. p.m.*
High water—*Morning* *9hr. 50min.*
Afternoon *9hr. 9min.*
Low water—*Morning* *3hr. 35min.*
Afternoon *2hr. 55min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1564—Michael Angelo died.
1848—New colours presented to the 95th Regiment at Hongkong.
1861—Duchess of Albany born.
1889—The Nova Scotian barque *Transit* lost between Singapore and Hongkong.
1896—Russians fined for trespass on the Kowloon Forts.

TO-MORROW,

Thursday, 18th February, 1897.

Chinese.—*17th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.* [*Kwong-sü.*
Jewish.—*16th Adar, 5657.*
Mohammedan.—*15th Ramadan, 1314.*

(Fast month.)
Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 32min.*
Sets *5hr. 57min.*
High water—*Morning**10hr. 10min.*
Afternoon *9hr. 47min.*
Low water—*Morning* *4hr. 7min.*
Afternoon *3hr. 21min.*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1546—Martin Luther died.
1835—The crew of the *Argyle* released by the Chinese authorities at Canton.
1841—A boat of H.M.S. *Nemesis* fired on by the Chinese at Wantong Island.
1883—The U.S. man-of-war *Ashuelot* wrecked on the East Lammock, near Swatow.
1884—Telegraphic communication between Haiphong and Saigon established.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—17th February.

The Transfer Books of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 24th inst., inclusive.
9 p.m.—Willison's Circus at back of City Hall.

TO-MORROW,—18th February.

French and American mails due.
Hongkong Races.
10 a.m.—Criminal Sessions.

FRIDAY,—19th February.

Hongkong Races.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Chapter.

SATURDAY,—20th February.

Off-day Races.
4 p.m.—Performance at the Circus.
9 p.m.—Circus.
9 p.m.—Performance of "Les Cloches de Corneville" by the A. D. C. at the Theatre Royal, City Hall.

SUNDAY,—21st February.

English and Indian mails due.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

French (*Melbourne*) to-morrow.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) to-morrow.
English (*Kaiser-i-Hind*) 21st inst.
India and Straits (*Kutsang*) 21st inst.
Australian (*Menmuir*) 22nd inst.
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) 25th inst.
Tacoma (*Tacoma*) 3rd prox.
American (*Gaelic*) 4th prox.
Tacoma (*Victoria*) 6th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 15th prox.

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THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Dardanus*, from London, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver, B.C., arrived at Kobe at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at midnight the same day for Hongkong, *via* Nagasaki.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Formosa	,	steamer,	from Tamsui
Strathallan		"	" Hongay
Loongmoon		"	" Shanghai
Kwangtai		"	" Canton
Kwongtung		"	" Iloilo
Amara		"	" Japan
Falls of Dee		ship	" New York

Aggregating 9,212 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Omi Maru		steamer, for	Australia
Ark		"	" Hoihow
Benvenue		"	" Nagasaki
Natal		"	" Europe
Chowfa		"	" Bangkok
Empress of India	...	"	" Shanghai
Hongkong		"	" Haiphong
Mika Maru		"	" Singapore
Bylgia		barque	" Taiwanfoo
Arcona		cruiser	" Foochow

Aggregating 12,820 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Lebin		in	Kowloon Dock.
Clara		"	" "
Princess Wilhelm		"	" "
Ruvik, H.I.R.M.S		"	" "
Kiangnan		"	" "
Tamarind		"	" "
Nanchang		"	Cosmopolitan "
Tatyfian		"	" "
Spartan, H.M.S.		"	" "

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—5th January—*Breconshire, Tsinhai*, 19th January—*Dardanus* 22nd January—*Palawan, Aga*, 26th January—*Agamemnon, Melbourne, Delhi, Richmond, Normandie*, 29th Jan.—*Melpomene, Oceana, Kintong, St. Andrews*, and Feb.—*Aglaia, Ernest Simons, Cyrus, Dordogne, Glaucus*, 5th Feb.—*Ceylon, Hector, Kanagawa Maru*, 9th Feb.—*Glenavon, Menelaus, Helen Richmond*, 12th Feb.—*Anapa, Guadalquivir*, 16th Feb.—*Banlorlg, Erato, Oanfa, Sashoon, Elsay, Saghalien, St. Giles, St. Jerome, Tamilie.*

HOMEWARD—9th February—*Glengarry*, 13th February—*Syria.*

Auction.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
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TUESDAY, the 23RD FEBRUARY, 1897,
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Suitable for Racing, Polo, etc. Selections from the Largest Stables.
Further entries received until NOON on day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [303

Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. TO-MORROW (THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 18th and 19th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
G. G. F. AGUSTIN,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
NAO NABEKRA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [299

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) and FRIDAY, the 18th and 19th instant, respectively:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

L. KENNARD DAVIS,
Acting Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents,
YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.

GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [288

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1897.

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) AND FRIDAY, the 18th and 19th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD. Price $5 for the Meeting.

TICKETS for the DAY may be Purchased at the Gate; Price $2 each.

No one admitted without a TICKET, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [300

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE during the RACES on the 18th and 19th inst.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [301

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the RACE DAYS *without Tickets*, which can be had on Application to the Undersigned.

—T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [302

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND Declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last at the Rate of ONE POUND AND FIVE SHILLINGS STERLING per Share of $125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 15th February current at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are *requested to apply for* WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [298

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY, CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th instant.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Undersigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.

The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"
J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219

Intimations.

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Messrs. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Sole Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hung-Ham Inland Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [207

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 24th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,

HART BUCK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [273

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 1, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (NOON) on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [269

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [216

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to NOON of 31st March next, at the Offices of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 10,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 13s. 10d. each in THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and superscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for a minimum of 200 Shares or for any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 10,000 Shares and must be accompanied by 2s. 6d. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no Allotment is made.

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The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [262

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of ONE SHILLING per Share has been Declared PAYABLE on 15th March, 1897, in BRISBANE in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in SINGAPORE in respect of Shares on the Singapore Register.

Notice is hereby given that the SINGAPORE BRANCH REGISTER will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, 1897, inclusive.

Notice is also given that no Transfer of Shares from the BRISBANE REGISTER to the SINGAPORE REGISTER or *vice versa* will be given effect to after 2nd February, 1897, until 16th March, 1897.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [263

Intimations.

It is

WASTE OF TIME

for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP
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Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [13

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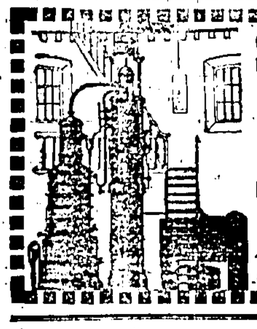
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Captain N. Moncur, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [315

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON,
VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

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"NINGCHOW,"

H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th March.

For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [274

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"KALGAN,"

Captain Carnaghan, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [317

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"

Captain J. G. Speppe, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [207

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA,"

to sail about 25th February, 1897.

S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 7th March, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [230

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS,"

Captain Day, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st March.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [292

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Daylight

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [310

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA and EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"SAKURA MARU,"

Captain Brady, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points must be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy should be mailed to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash., by the same Steamer.

For further Particulars as to Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [304

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain R. Nelson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [276

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"SIKH,"

Captain Rowley, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 18th instant.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1897. [282

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [201

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"

Captain A. Fellner, will leave for the above places on or about the 22nd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897. [216

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [227

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Barque

"SUMBAWA,"

Rehberg, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [66

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship

"BENJAMIN SEWALL,"

Sewall, Master, shortly expected from Shanghai, will load here and will be despatched by end of February.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [95

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A1 British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"

Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [244

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Bark

"COLOMA,"

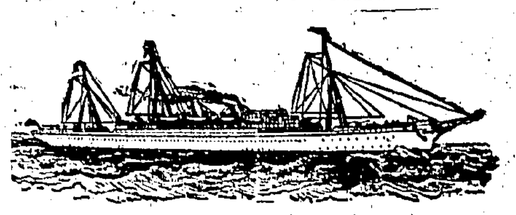
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [279

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) } Wednesday, 24th Feb., at Daylight.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1896, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [9

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Hongkong, 24th May, 1895. [93

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Tuesday, 2nd March, at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) } Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) } Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 2nd March, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 3 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [2

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Rates of Passage to other Points on applications.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	Feb. 23.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday ...	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,608	Tuesday ...	April 13.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	May. 4.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain Porter, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *via* KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1897. [4



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"RAVENNA,"

Captain C. T. Denny, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 25th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1897. [5

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussien	Tuesday...	2nd March.
Sachsen	Tuesday...	30th March.
Bayern	Tuesday...	27th April.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wattin, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 27th Feb. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 1st March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

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Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [228

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